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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TECH, ENRG, SP

SUBJ: MEASUREMENT OF EFFECTS OF 1966 PALOMARES INCIDENT

1. I UNDERSTAND THAT ERDA MAY WISH TO SEND A TEAM TO MADRID SOON TO UPDATE AND CALIBRATE THE INSTRUMENT SYSTEM USED FOR THE MEASUREMENT OF EFFECTS ON PERSONS EXPOSED TO RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS DISPERSED IN THE PALOMARES AREA IN 1966 WHEN AN ATOMIC BOMB WAS ACCIDENTALLY DROPPED AND FRAGMENTED. I UNDERSTAND THAT SPANISH OFFICIALS REPORTED TO US OFFICIALS ABNORMALLY HIGH LEVELS OF BODY COUNTS RECENTLY, AND THAT THESE MAY BE THE RESULT OF INADEQUATE SAMPLING TECHNIQUES COMPOUNDED BY IMPROPERLY CALIBRATED INSTRUMENTATION. WHILE WE CAN COUNT ON THE DISCRETION OF THE SPANISH NUCLEAR ENERGY BOARD STAFF, THE DEPARTMENT AND ERDA MUST BE AWARE OF MY GREAT CONCERN THAT THE TRUE NATURE OF THE FINDINGS BE DETERMINED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THAT THE SPANISH ARE ASSISTED IN TAKING CORRECTIVE MEASURES, AND THAT THE POTENTIAL PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPACT BE ALWAYS KEPT IN MIND.

2. ANY ERDA REPRESENTATIVES COMING MADRID ON THIS MISSION CAN COUNT ON MY PERSONAL INTEREST AND THE FULL COOPERATION ALL MEMBERS MY STAFF. I WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE KNOWING WHEN ANY ERDA REPRESENTATIVES MAY BE EXPECTED AND WHAT EQUIPMENT THEY MAY PLAN TO BRING TO SPAIN, THE LATTER TO AID IN ANY EVENTUAL CUSTOMS CLEARANCES. DR. CLEMENT AND MR. FERGUSON  
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OF THE EMBASSY ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE ISSUE AND QUITE PREPARED

TO AID ERDA REPRESENTATIVES IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY.  
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